(c) the main attributes to the significant achievements in the spices export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (d) The details of export of spices during the last two years are given below:

Year	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1995-96	2,02,197	785.89
1996-97	2,19,400	1180.00

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta, Spices Board, Cochin.

(c) The significant achievement in the spices export is mainly due to the higher export of pepper, ginger, mint oil and spice oils and oleoresins. The higher unit value realisation in most of the pices has also contributed to the higher level of achievement. Apart from that various export promotion schemes which are oriented towards quality upgradation and value addition have helped to achieve more acceptance for the Indian spices in the overseas markets particularly USA and Western Europe.

Enhanced Export of Pepper

3214. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is global crop shortage of pepper during this year; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to export more black pepper from India which has a comfortable supply position in pepper to earn more foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Though no official figures are available, there are reports of lesser production this Year in Indonesia and Brazil.

(b) Apart from general trade policy reforms, the steps taken to enhance export of spices including pepper are, abolition of cess on export of pepper (except green pepper in brine) to enhance its price competitiveness in the overseas markets; implementation of brand promotion schemes like logo promotion; grant of spice house certificate as a recognition of processor/ exporters of quality products; setting up of laboratories for testing of products; technology transfer; process upgradation and product development.

Export Through EPZs and EOUs

3215. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of our exports through Export Processing Zones and Export Oriented Units during the last three years;

(b) the value contents of exports and imports fo EPZs/EOUs during each of these years;

(c) the name of Export Processing Zones and value of exports from each Zone; and

(d) names of new Export Processing Zones to be developed during the Ninth five year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b):—

Year	Exports made by Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Units in Export Processing Zones (EPZs). (Rs. Crores)	Imports made by Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and Units in Export Processing (EPZs). (Rs. Crores)	Percentage of EOU and EPZ exports in the total exports of the country.
1994-95	7363.11	3077.28	8.90
1995-96	10229.88	5920.95	9.61
1996-97	12527.73	7015.48	10.42

(c) Name of the Export processing Zones and exports from each Zone during the last three years:

(Rs. Crores)

Zone	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Provisional)
Kandla FTZ	320.03	325.29	374.15
Santacruz Electronics EPZ	1549.46	1876.29	2176.30
Noida EPZ	367.00	496.89	586.53
Madras EPZ	281.38	391.92	992.42
Cochin EPZ	102.53	120.31	165.38
Falta EPZ	32.31	24.04	29.15
Vizag EPZ	0.40	0.89	—
Total	2653.11	3235.63	4323.93

(d) Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise the infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Promotion Zones, there is no proposal at present for the Central Govt. to set up new Zones in the country. However, Export Processing zones can now be established by State Govts. or in joint/private sector.

Import restrictions on luxury goods

3216. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the recent decision by the Pakistani authorities to impose quantitative and tariff restrictions on the import of luxury goods;

(b) whether it is the intention of our Government to follow the example of Pakistan in this matter; and

(c) whether consultations on this issue have taken place with the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) As per information received from High Commission of India, Islamabad, a news item had appeared in the Pakistani Press in the last week of February, 1997 to the effect that the Prime Minister of Pakistan had directed the Central Board of Revenue to ban Import of all luxury items except those required for industrial use. However, no formal notification has been issued so far implementing the reported directive.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.